



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 5, 2004

S. 1778

Craig Recreation Land Purchase Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on April 28, 2004*

S. 1778 would authorize the appropriation of amounts necessary for the Secretary of Agriculture to purchase roughly 350 acres of land from the city of Craig, Alaska, for inclusion in the Tongass National Forest. In addition, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$250,000 for the Forest Service to reconstruct a trail through the acquired lands.

Based on information from the Forest Service, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1778 would cost \$1 million in 2005, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. That amount includes \$750,000 for the cost of acquiring lands from the city and \$250,000 to reconstruct the Sunnahae Trail. We expect that adding the acquired lands to the Tongass National Forest would not significantly increase the agency's costs to manage that forest. S. 1778 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 1778 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. The purchase authorized by this bill would be voluntary on the part of the city, as would be any associated expenses.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Megan Carroll. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.